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Terry Kerby
Technical Supervisor
Ash Grove Cement West, Inc.
Leamington Plant
P.O. Box 51
Nephi, Utah 84648

Dear Mr. Kerby:

On June 26, 1992, Christina Reid, of my staff, met with Holland Shepherd of the Utah Division of Oil Gas and Mining (DOGM), and Duane Wise of Ash Grove Cement to do a base line plant study for Ash Grove Cement's new road and shale pit. This was done in order to help Ash Grove develop a reclamation seed mix for the area.

The BLM has two trend plots in this area. The following is a brief summary of the native plants in these plots. This information may be helpful in developing a reclamation seed mix.

**RILEY SPRINGS ALLOTMENT
TREND STUDY # 1
HOUSE RANGE RESOURCE AREA**

Location: T. 12 S., R. 3 W., Sec. 25, NE SW 1/4
Key Species: Squirreltail, Indian ricegrass, Bearded
wheatgrass, Needlegrasses, and Bitterbrush

**RILEY SPRINGS ALLOTMENT
TREND STUDY # 2
HOUSE RANG RESOURCE AREA**

Location: T. 13 S., R. 2 W., Sec. 18, SW SW 1/4
Key Species: Indian ricegrass, Curlygrass, Bluegrass, Bearded
wheat grass

While these are the native species in the trend plots, it is suggested that Crested wheatgrass, Pubescent wheatgrass, and Alfalfa be included in the reclamation seed mix. These species are more easily established in a newly reclaimed area. Please contact the Utah Division of Oil, Gas, and Mining (Holland Shepherd) or the BLM (Christina Reid) if you would like help developing a seed mix for reclamation.

Please continue to keep us informed as to your operations and plans for the development of County Canyon. If you have any questions concerning this matter please feel free to contact this office at 743-6811.

Sincerely,

SIGNED

Rex Rowley
Area Manager

cc: Holland Shepherd, DOGM

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